

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9-31, 33-41 and 43-64 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 1, 9, 24, 31 and 37; cancels Claims 8, 32 and 42 and adds Claims 62-64.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 1-6, 11, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Crowne et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,723,870). Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 11, 15, 24-28, 30, 33, 34 and 36-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Belk et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,969,260).

Claims 16-21 and 43-61 were allowed and Claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 22, 23, 29, 31, 32, 35 and 42 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response, independent Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of allowed Claim 8. Claim 9 is rewritten in independent form, but does not recite the means for generating energy, which is now recited in new dependent Claim 62. Also, independent Claim 24 is amended to incorporate the features of allowed Claim 32, and allowed Claim 31 is rewritten in independent form. Further, independent Claim 37 is amended to recite the features of allowed Claim 42. Finally, allowed Claim 8 is rewritten in independent form as new Claim 63, except for the means for generating energy, which is recited in new dependent Claim 64. Accordingly, the changes to the claims are not believed to raise new issues and all pending claims are now allowed or allowable.

In response to the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), all rejected independent claims having been amended to recite the features of allowable claims, these

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rejections are now moot and pending Claims 1-7, 9-31, 33-41, 43-64 are believed to be allowable.

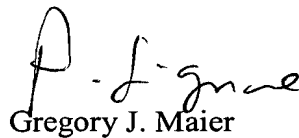
The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which after Final Rejection permits entry of amendments canceling rejected claims or complying with requirements of form set forth in a previous Office Action. As the present amendment merely rewrites allowable claims in independent form as suggested in the previous Office Action, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-7, 9-31, 33-41, 43-64 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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